

**Introduced by Senator Strickland**

February 18, 2011

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An act to amend Section 14201 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 831, as introduced, Strickland. Medi-Cal: prepaid health plans.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions.

Existing law states that it is the intent of the Legislature, through specified Medi-Cal provisions, to provide recipients of public assistance and medically indigent aged and other persons with the opportunity to enroll in prepaid health plans.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 14201 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2     Code is amended to read:
- 3     14201. The intent of the Legislature is to provide, to the extent
- 4     feasible, through the provisions of this chapter and the necessarily
- 5     related provisions of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000)
- 6     of this part, recipients of public assistance and medically indigent

1 aged and other persons with the opportunity to enroll in prepaid  
2 health plans. It is further ~~intended~~ *the intent of the Legislature* that  
3 this legislation ~~is to~~ benefit the people of the ~~State of California~~  
4 *state* by:

5 (a) Encouraging the development of more efficient delivery of  
6 health care to Medi-Cal recipients.

7 (b) Reducing the inflationary costs of health care.

8 (c) Improving the quality of medical services rendered to those  
9 eligible enrollees as defined in this chapter and Chapter 7  
10 (commencing with Section 14000) of this part.

11 (d) Reducing administrative costs of operating the Medi-Cal  
12 Act by allowing prepaid health plans to assume substantial costs  
13 of administration and utilization controls that are now assumed by  
14 the State Department of Health *Care* Services.